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OBJECTS

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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING  
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Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) dated May 9, 2001, Applicant encloses herewith a properly executed original Declaration in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.497(a) and (b) along with a copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) .

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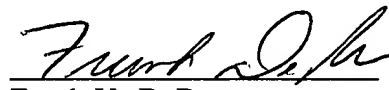
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